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Spring 2011

Noon

*Cooperative Graduate Programs, Robert W. Plaster School of Business Administration,
School of Education, Bachelor of General Studies*

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Fifty-Sixth Commencement
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Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance" **Elgar**
Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Invocation **Dr. Glenn Coltharp**
Dean, School of Education, Missouri Southern State University

Welcome and Introductions. **Dr. Bruce W. Speck**
President, Missouri Southern State University

Commencement Speaker **Gov. Jay Nixon**
Missouri Governor

Presentation of Class **Dr. AJ Anglin**
Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University

Conferring of Graduate Degrees **Dr. Bruce W. Speck**

Master's Hooding. **Dr. Tom Billesbach**
Dean, Booth College of Business and Professional Studies
Northwest Missouri State University

Presentation of Baccalaureate Degrees

Conferring of Bachelor Degrees **Dr. Bruce W. Speck**
Presentation of Diplomas

Introduction of Degree Candidates **Mr. Jeff Skibbe**
General Manager, 88.7KXMS/Fine Arts Radio International, Missouri Southern State University

Congratulatory Remarks **Dr. Cheryl Cifelli**
President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University

Announcement of Academic Honors **Dr. AJ Anglin**

Turning of the Tassel. **Mr. Will Roderique, '91**
President, Missouri Southern Alumni Association Board of Directors

MSSU Alma Mater (See page 13) **Ms. Lauren Alumbaugh**
Senior BSE vocal music, El Dorado Springs

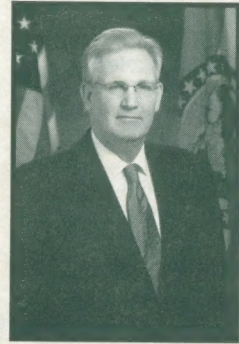
Benediction **Dr. Glenn Coltharp**

Recessional "Sine Nomine" **R.V. Williams & E. Rosenberg**
Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Sign Language Interpreter **Mrs. Mary Zustiak**

Please remain standing until recessional is completed. • Please turn off all beepers/cell phones

*Missouri Governor Jay Nixon
Commencement Speaker*



*J*ay Nixon is serving his first term as Governor of Missouri. Garnering the highest margin of victory for a non-incumbent governor in 44 years, Nixon was elected Missouri's 55th Governor on Nov. 4, 2008.

Gov. Nixon has put forward an agenda to make government more efficient, effective and responsive to the needs of Missouri families. He is committed to attracting the jobs of the future to Missouri, making health care more affordable and placing a college education within reach for middle-class students. The legislature passed Caring for Missourians, an initiative by Gov. Nixon that will enable Missouri's public colleges and universities to graduate an additional 900 professionals in high-demand health care fields each year.

The General Assembly also made permanent the reforms Gov. Nixon enacted during his first week in office when he opened up every license fee office in Missouri for competitive bid, a move that ended a decades-long system of political patronage. Gov. Nixon has championed a strong public education system.

Prior to becoming Governor, Nixon was elected to a record four terms as Missouri's Attorney General, beginning in 1992. Nixon argued before the United States Supreme Court in *Nixon v. Shrink*, a landmark case that reinstated Missouri's campaign contribution limits and cleared the way nationally for campaign finance reform. One of Nixon's most successful programs, Missouri's popular No-Call List, has become a model for states across the nation to reduce unwanted telemarketing calls.

A native of De Soto, Gov. Nixon was reared in a family of public servants. His mother, the late Betty Nixon, was a teacher and served as president of the local school board. His father, Jerry Nixon, was elected mayor of De Soto and was a judge for the community. After earning both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia, Nixon returned to DeSoto to practice as an attorney.

In 1986, he was elected to his first term in the Missouri State Senate, where he would represent the people of Jefferson County for six years. Gov. Nixon and his wife, Georganne Wheeler Nixon, have two sons, Jeremiah and Willson.

Cooperative Graduate Programs

Missouri Southern State University/Northwest Missouri State University ***Master of Business Administration***

Ansell, Nicole D. *
Business Administration
Joplin

Prater, Abigail Michelle *
Business Administration
Carthage

Smead, Jamie Lorine *
Business Administration
Joplin

Hamilton, Jordan Ryan *
Business Administration
Carterville

Randles, Mitchell D. *
Business Administration
Joplin

Missouri Southern State University/Northwest Missouri State University ***Master of Science in Education***

Witt-Aubert, Amanda Ann ‡
Education
Joplin

Missouri Southern State University/Missouri State University ***Master of Arts in Teaching***

Barker, James A. ‡
Teaching
Joplin

Mills, Libby
Teaching
Joplin

Rogers, Amy Renee ‡
Teaching
Joplin

Kyte, Craig Warren ‡
Teaching
Joplin

Roe, Ashley A.
Teaching
Joplin

Weber, Donald Edward ‡
Teaching
Jasper

The first graduates of the cooperative graduate programs received diplomas at Missouri Southern State University during the spring 2006 ceremony. This milestone was possible when MSSU and Northwest Missouri State University collaborated to combine their resources and expand higher education opportunities in Southwest Missouri and the Four-States region.

In addition to Northwest, MSSU has since forged partnerships with Missouri State University, Southeast Missouri State University, University of Missouri – St. Louis and the University of Missouri- Kansas City to unite efforts to deliver the programs with traditional classroom teaching and state-of-the-art distance learning tools using faculty from each of the universities.

Effective August 2003, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation giving Missouri Southern State University the opportunity to offer joint graduate programs in cooperation with other public four-year institutions in the State of Missouri (RSMo 173.005).

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education oversees implementation of the cooperative programs to ensure the most efficient use of state resources and the highest quality of advanced educational opportunities.

During the ceremony, the presentation of the academic hood to master's degree recipients represents a compelling, highly symbolic moment in both the candidates' lives and in the commencement ceremony. The hooding ceremony for the cooperative graduate programs at MSSU signifies a scholarly and personal achievement. Colors of the hoods were carefully selected to represent both institutions and the corresponding fields of study.

The names of both universities appear on the graduates' diplomas. The significance and symbolism of academic regalia appear on page 14 of this program.

MSSU will continue to develop these and other programs in order to fulfill its mission and to meet the needs of the growing population and economy of the region.

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Baldwin, Terri Susan
Ball, Staci A. †
Boll, Teresa
Busch, Shyanna M.
Choens, Jessica Lianne ‡
Cole, Ranelle Kayleene
Cornman, Suzanne E. ‡
Dale, Susan A.
Davis, Megan Jubilee †
Depriest, Kristen N. *
Dhans, Lauren ‡ †
Eimer, Shannan Alyse
Ferguson, Shana Lynn

Fine, Amy K. †
Hagedorn, Sarah A.
Heidlage, Kimberly A.
Henkle, Danielle Marie †
Hickman, Desirae C.
Hicks, Nathaniel Alexander
Holt, Melissa DeAnne †
Hotchkiss, Kelsey Marie
Judge, Amelia D. ‡
Kline, Victoria Elise ‡
Lennemann, Leo *
Loden, Rachel S. *

Marak, Sarah Elizabeth
Martin, Andrea Joelle Lou
Maus, Julie Anna * ‡
O'Donnell, Lydia Elaine ‡
Outt, Susan Bryann ‡
Payne, Joanna M.
Pellegrino, Camille Ruth
Quirin, Amber E. †
Reed, Alexandra M. †
Reid, Charity Jolynn †
Riutta, Carita Suvi-Annikki
Schmidt, Taylor Anne †

Schweitzer, Nicole Renee
Seigel, Emily D.
Shaddox, Michael Wade
Stewart, Keysha Amber
Swadley, Kristen Lynne ‡ †
Swopes, Pauline F.
Terry, Ashleigh M.
Trout, Timothy Michael ‡
Vonderahe, Emily Faith ‡
Willis, Stephanie Lynn
Wimberley, Maria Ann
Wright, Elizabeth Leslie
Zimmerling, Irene

Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Adkins, Jordan L.
Alumbaugh, Lauren Madison
Burney, Emily Diane
Clipp, Scott Curtis
Ford, Kim
Gardner, Sarah Maria
Harrall, Katy Elaine *

Hayes, Amber Dawn *
Hilburn, Amanda Jewel
Kirkpatrick, Nyssa Rena
Klugh, Joshua Lee †
Kownslar, Karly Elizabeth †
Lehman, Reece Henry
Lewis, Sara LaVonne †

Linn, Christopher Ryan
Long, Andrew
Phillips, Sheena *
Qualls, Mishay L.
Robinson, Linsy Charlotte
Roschevitz, Coty S.
Tarrant, Ezekiel Parker

Tessman, Robert
Thomas, Dylan Wade
Webb, Cassie Jo *
Weldon, Jennifer Marie
Whitehead, Corey Mitchell
Zimmerman, Kevin Matthew †

Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Albright, Bethney Anne
Block, Jody Lynn *
Bowman, Leslie Christine
Brady, Christina Samantha
Burnett, Micaela *
Clark, Coby Brendan
Daus, Haley Nicole
Gebelin, Miranda Michelle

Gibbs, Bradley
Girard, Rachel Nicole *
Hall, Eric Lee
Hernandez, Tomas William
Holcomb, Joshua Charles
Kropf, Sarah Renee
Ledbetter, Rebecca Ann
Loucks, Tiffany Ann

Marling, Lesley E.
Marrett, Zachary Lee
Moore, Courtney M.
Nummela, Aki Olavi
Phipps, Diane K.
Prough, Veronica Leigh
Rice, Anita Catherine *
Shanks, Kalie D.

Sherwood, Krystal Marie
Solomon, Charles Andrew †
Stanley, Michelle Lynn
Taylor, Luke Matthew
Vanvactor, Cody Ray
Wagner, Taylor M.
Wilson, Dana Anne *
Wolven, Robin Nicole
Zerkel, Oliver Kenneth

Associate Degrees

First Honors • Grade point average 3.90 or above

Willis, Stephanie Lynn

Second Honors • Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Burney, Emily Diane
Clipp, Scott Curtis

Ford, Kim
Roschevitz, Coty S.

Vance, Kaitlin E.

Third Honors • Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Anderson, Bradley William *
Albright, Bethney Anne
Brady, Christina Samantha

Flannigan, Erin Michelle
Girard, Rachel Nicole *
Hall, Eric Lee

Holcomb, Joshua Charles
Marrett, Zachary Lee
Morrison, Tara Nichole

Patterson, Jeremy William *
Sherwood, Krystal Marie
Smith, Cindy Marie

‡ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

* December or July Graduate

School of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Ansley, Holly Leann
Marketing
Webb City

Ball, Staci A. †
Marketing
Joplin

Barnard, Connie Melissa *
General Business
Lithonia, GA

Beasley, Cheryl A.
Management
Webb City

Beckett, Iris Ann
Accounting
Carthage

Bentley, Jason L.
Accounting
Fort Scott, KS

Berry, Brandon C.
Marketing
Webb City

Bickett, Jordan Nicole *
Marketing
Webb City

Black, Stephen Wayne
Management
Joplin

Block, Jody Lynn *
Accounting
Sarcoxie

Bloomer, Holly C.
Accounting
S. Greenfield

Bobski, Courtney H.
General Business
Joplin

Boman, Carol L. *
Management
Joplin

Borries, Richard Stephen
Marketing
Teutopolis, IL

Boyd, Stephen Kyle
Management
Springdale, AR

Bravestone, Joshua Wyatt
Accounting
Ozark

Brown, Tyrell B.
Marketing
Carl Junction

Burleson, Victoria Alexandra *
Human Resource Management
Tulsa, OK

Capen, Sandra Marie
Management
Neosho

Carnahan, Justin Levi
Marketing
Neosho

Charbonneau, Kara A.
International Business
Joplin

Chew, Megan Renea
Management
Joplin

Claar, Marchella Annawanette
Accounting, Management
Joplin

Cline, Whitney Anne
Marketing
Joplin

Cole, Kodi J.
International Business
Joplin

Cook, Mary L. *
General Business
Pineville

Cox, Stephanie Ann *
Accounting
Boonville

Crockett, Brittany Glen
Accounting
Nevada

Dirks, Landon
Management
Carl Junction

Duncan, Laura E.
General Business
Reeds Spring

Dunlavy, Michael Conor
Marketing
Neosho

Dyson, Jared L.
Management, Marketing
Mt. Vernon

Eldridge, Lindsey Dawn
Marketing
Baxter Springs, KS

Ellis, Katherine June
Accounting
Webb City

Ferry, Emily Dawn †
Marketing
Pea Ridge, AR

Fletcher, Kolt William
Management
Exeter

Frederickson, Myranda Lynn
Management
Cassville

Gardner, Ashley Dawn Scruggs *
Management
Jay, OK

Gates, Shelia Sue
Marketing
Granby

Gillquist, Leah Beth *
Marketing
Webb City

Glenn, Kristy LeAnn *
Accounting
Carthage

Goth, Jourdana L.
Accounting
Joplin

Gratton, Nick Lee
Management
Oronogo

Graves, Allyson K.
Management
Joplin

Green, Jessica LeAnn
Marketing
Joplin

Gulliford, Kelsi Leigh
General Business
Joplin

Hart, Steven Gregory
Accounting
Lake Ozark

Hayes, Allison D.
Management
Galena, KS

Hayes, Amber Dawn *
Management
Joplin

Henderson, Jessica Leanne
Accounting, Finance/Economics- Certified
Financial Management
Monett

Henkle, Danielle Marie †

Accounting
Joplin

Hernandez, Melissa Marie

Accounting, Finance/Economics- Personal
Financial Planning
Grove, OK

Horst, Mary Eleanor

Management
Nevada

Howard, Angela Renee

Management
Joplin

Jennings, Kelli Jo

Marketing
Neosho

Jinks, Tyler Jeffrey

Finance/Economics-Certified Financial
Management
Springfield

Johnson, Michael Ray

Management
Neosho

Jones, Whitney Lane *

Marketing
Joplin

Keatts, Kaci Anne

Accounting
Lamar

Kleindl, Alexander James

International Business
Joplin

Landstad, Douglas William

General Business
Cassville

Leggett, Courtney Leigh *

Management, Marketing
Oronogo

Lehman, Reece Henry

Finance/Economics- Economics
Lamar

Lenneman, Leo Reilly *

Management
Grove, OK

Lewis, Sara LaVonne †

Accounting
Joplin

Lichman, Lyudmyla Andreyevna

Accounting
Joplin

Linn, Christopher Ryan

Marketing
Eldridge, IA

Linny, Dooriya Dyre

Accounting
Neosho

Loomis, Karole Joseline *

Accounting
Diamond

Lugo, Fernando Jose

International Business, Marketing
Webb City

Lybarger, Julie Ileen

Management
Joplin

Magnuson, Andrew C.

International Business
Willard

Marshall, Kristin H.

Marketing
St. James

Marti, Kayla C. *

Management
Nevada

Maus, Julie Anna *

General Business
Joplin

Mayfield, Brenda Lee

Finance/Economics- Chartered Financial
Analyst
Carthage

McAlester, James Cody

Finance/Economics- Personal Financial
Planning
Joplin

McCracken, Robert Douglas

Finance/Economics- Personal Financial
Planning
Joplin

Meyer, Lauren Michelle *

Accounting
Carl Junction

Mitchell, Veronica Lynn

Accounting
Joplin

Moeller, Carisa A.

Accounting
Carl Junction

Moots, Andrew M.L.

Marketing
Miller

Myers, Philip Douglas

Marketing
Joplin

Norvell, Ryan A. *

Marketing
Tulsa, OK

Nugent, Nathan Paul *

Accounting
Carthage

Nummela, Aki Olavi

International Business, Marketing
Helsinki, Finland

Olbrey, Andrew Scott

General Business
Neosho

Overton, Barry Justin

International Business, Marketing
Neosho

Phillips, Sheena *

Human Resource Management
Joplin

Phillips, Zachary Edward

Management
Joplin

Polaski, Kayla *

Human Resource Management
Springfield

Ramsay, Kimberly J.

Finance/Economics- Personal Financial
Planning
Anderson

Rapp, Travauna Marie *

Accounting
Rockville

Reddick, William N.

Accounting
Paragould, AR

Reed, Jon M.

Management
Joplin

Rice, Anita Catherine *

Management
Marshfield

Richardson, Kamille

General Business
Little Rock, AR

Ritter, Travis Jean

Management
Joplin

Riutta, Carita Suvi-Annikki

International Business, Marketing
Espoo, Finland

Ross, Glenn C.

Marketing
St. Peters

Salgado, Katherine Natalie

International Business, Management
Joplin

Schied, Alison Nicole

General Business
Monett

Schmidt, Tim Richard

Management
Springfield

Schroer, Whitney Nicole

General Business
Joplin

Scrogg, Tiffany Star

Management
Butler

Seward, Rebekah R.

Management
Joplin

Shepard, Janetta R. *

Accounting, Management
Monett

Skaggs, Samuel Ryan

International Business
Joplin

Smith, David Keith

Accounting
Diamond

Smith, Taleah Shalee

Accounting, Finance/Economics- Financial
Concentration
Sarcoxi

Sour, Darrell Richard

Marketing
Joplin

Sprague, Meghan L.

Accounting
Joplin

Stebbins, Christopher Daniel

Management
Miami, OK

Stewart, Keysa Amber

Accounting
Butler

Swadley, Kristen Lynne ‡ †

Management
Joplin

Teer, Nicholas C.

Management
Augusta, GA

Thomas, Evan William

General Business
Marshfield

Thornton, Susan A.

General Business
Joplin

Tingblad, Angela Marie

Accounting
Bella Vista, AR

Tomko, Robert Michael *

Accounting
Joplin

Toms, Timothy Robert

General Business
Webb City

Udell, Jacob William *

Management
Carl Junction

Vann, Kimberly S.

Management
Webb City

Webb, Abbey Lynn *

Management
Webb City

Webster, Jordynn E.

Marketing
Carthage

Weldon, Jennifer Marie

Management
Joplin

Westwood, Matthew Alan

Management
Carthage

Whitehead, Corey Mitchell

Management, Marketing
Joplin

Williams, Firmin M.

Management
Batesville, AR

Williams, Jamil Randolph

Accounting
Blue Springs

Willis, Dominic C.

General Business
Wheatfield, IN

Wilson, Dana Anne *

Marketing, Management
Neosho

Wimberley, Maria Ann

Accounting
Joplin

Wright, Erik S.

Human Resource Management
Miami, OK

Wynn, Arielle Brienne

Marketing
Carthage

Wysong, Logan R.

Management
Prairie Village, KS

School of Education

Bachelor of Arts

Daus, Haley Nicole
Psychology
Joplin

Fletcher, Courtney Lee
Psychology
Joplin

Kownslar, Karly Elizabeth †
Psychology
Joplin

Nelson, Tina M.
Psychology
Joplin

Rodolf, Laura Nicole
Psychology
Oklahoma City, OK

Shipman, Cole T.
Psychology
Diamond

Smith, Shaun-Ann
Psychology
Joplin

Yager, Madison Hannah
Psychology
Pleasant Hill

Bachelor of Science

Altman, Eric Michael *
Psychology
Joplin

Beckett, Joanna M.
Psychology
Neosho

Black, Zacherie Nolan
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Burns, Justin Rowdy *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Lakin, KS

Busch, Shyanna M.
Psychology
Seneca

Caldwell, Zachary Alan *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Pittsburg, KS

Cardona, Gallagher Luis
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Chaney, David M.
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Clark, Coby Brendan
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Dale, Susan A.
Psychology
Duenweg

DePriest, Kristen N. *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Earnest, Tiara D.
Health Promotion and Wellness
Aurora

Eimer, Shannan Alyse
Psychology
Monett

Emmons, Jennifer Nicole
Psychology
Joplin

Evers, Sarah L. *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Fenton

Flake, Glendola M.
Psychology
Joplin

Gebelin, Miranda Michelle
Psychology
Mindenmines

Green, Sarah Rebecca
Psychology
Nevada

Harrall, Katy Elaine *
Psychology
Joplin

Hennessy, Jessica Ann Brown *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Girard, KS

Hoffman, Nicole Laura
Psychology
Joplin

Hunt, Toderick M.
Health Promotion and Wellness
Jasper, TX

Inglove, Elizabeth Erin *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Jeffries, Jennifer Lee
Psychology
Carl Junction

Judge, Amelia D. ‡
Psychology
McAlester, OK

Kline, Sharlyn K. *
Psychology
Goodman

Langill, Scott W.
Health Promotion and Wellness
West Palm Beach, FL

Loveall-Stewart, Debra J.
Psychology
Joplin

McCoy, Markie L.
Health Promotion and Wellness
Webb City

Miller, Brittany Jean
Psychology
Neosho

Miller, Lauren Lyn
Psychology
Galena, KS

Morris, Jeffrey Cade
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Morris, Kayla Elizabeth
Health Promotion and Wellness
Anderson

Patton, Markus Samuel
Psychology
Joplin

Shumate, Corey R. *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Little Rock, AR

Simpson, Brandy Michelle *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Zanesville, OH

Snyder, Michael B.
Psychology
Joplin

VanGorder, Kimberly A.
Psychology
Neosho

VanWie, Molly Ann
Psychology
Neosho

Vavao- Huggins, Brittany H. *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Springdale, AR

Watkins, Emily Rhea *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Webb, Cassie Jo *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Carterville

Woodard, Joshua N. *
Health Promotion and Wellness
La Place, LA

Bachelor of Science in Education

Adkins, Jordan L.
Elementary Education
Joplin

Ahrens, Bobbie Rose
Elementary Education
Lamar

Alumbaugh, Lauren Madison
Secondary Education-Vocal
El Dorado Springs

Baker, Amber Rae
Secondary Education-Art
Joplin

Baldwin, Terri Susan
Elementary Education
Lamar

Beaver, Matthew Cale
Secondary Education-Sociology, Political
Science
Webb City

Boll, Teresa Gwen
Middle School Education-Social Studies,
Math
Crane

Bowman, Leslie Christine
Secondary Education-English
Carl Junction

Branstetter, Kayla Marie
Secondary Education-English
Purdy

Brown, Christopher Allen
Secondary Education-Physical Education
Dixon

Bussey, Ashley Dawn
Elementary Education
Neosho

Cole, Ranelle Kayleene
Elementary Education
Seneca

Collins, Molly Beth
Secondary Education-Physical Education
Joplin

Cosby, Samantha Elaine
Secondary Education-Speech, Drama
Altamont, KS

Courtney, Amanda Lea
Secondary Education-English
Webb City

Cox, Donald Loyd
Elementary Education
Webb City

Culver, Rebecca Elaine
Elementary Education
Raymore

Cummins, Blair LeAnne
Secondary Education-Physical Education
Carthage

Curti, Melanie Anne
Secondary Education-Art
Carthage

Eisensee, Nicole D.
Elementary Education
Lockwood

Ferguson, Shana Lynn
Middle School Education-Science, Business
Seneca

Fine, Amy K. †
Elementary Education
Edmond, OK

Frakes, Caleb Alton
Secondary Education-Physical Education
Carl Junction

Gilliland, Sheila Rae
Middle School Education-Science,
Mathematics
Oswego, KS

Gratton, Tiffany Jo
Elementary Education
Oronogo

Hagedorn, Sarah A.
Elementary Education
Carthage

Hicks, Leslie M.
Elementary Education
Joplin

Hilburn, Amanda Jewel
Elementary Education
Monett

Hilton, Whitney Kay
Elementary Education
Aurora

Hotchkiss, Kelsey Marie
Elementary Education
Webb City

Howerton, Megan C.
Elementary Education
Webb City

Ingram, Leah A.
Secondary Education-Physical Education
Duenweg

Kidd, Rayna I.
Secondary Education- Business
Carthage

Kittle, Amber Grace
Elementary Education
Joplin

Kline, Shannon L.
Secondary Education- Social Science,
Sociology
Neosho

Kline, Victoria Elise ‡
Secondary Education-Physical Education
Miami, OK

Koch, Laura M.
Elementary Education
Pacific

Kropf, Sarah Renee
Secondary Education-Speech and Drama,
English
Galena, KS

Lannon, Jodie Rachelle
Elementary Education
Neosho

Lawrence, Austin James
Secondary Education-Physical Education
Crane

Loucks, Tiffany Ann
Elementary Education
Webb City

Loyd, Kelsi L.
Elementary Education
Joplin

Lundien, Fred Erik
Secondary Education-Physical Education
Joplin

Martin, Andrea Joelle Lou
Elementary Education
Rich Hill

McDonald, Karalee L.
Secondary Education-Art
Galena, KS

Moore, Courtney M.
Secondary Education-Business
Berryville, AR

Northweather, Sara Ann
Elementary Education
Caney, KS

Olson, Ashlee Nikkole
Secondary Education-Physical Education
Gentry, AR

Outt, Susan Bryann ‡
Secondary Education-Social Science,
History
Webb City

Payne, Joanna M.
Elementary Education
Franklin, IN

Phipps, Diane K.
Secondary Education-English
Carl Junction

Qualls, Mishay L.
Elementary Education
Ridgedale

Ray, Amanda K.
Elementary Education
Purdy

Reed, Alexandra M. †
Elementary Education
Joplin

Rice, David J.
Elementary Education
Joplin

Rowe, Ashley N.
Secondary Education- Speech and Drama
South Coffeyville, OK

Royster, Amanda Marie
Secondary Education- English
Carl Junction

Schweitzer, Nicole Renee
Middle School Education- English, Social Studies
Joplin

Seela, Jeanne Anne
Elementary Education
Oronogo

Shaddox, Michael Wade
Secondary Education- Social Science, History
Pineville

Smith, Joshua Lee
Secondary Education- Social Science, Sociology
Nevada

Smith, Kendra
Elementary Education
Joplin

Spieckermann, Sally A.
Elementary Education
Joplin

Stanley, Michelle Lynn
Elementary Education
Joplin

Stephenson, Rachel Diane
Elementary Education
Purdy

Stites, Felicia Nicole
Elementary Education
Anderson

Terry, Ashleigh M.
Elementary Education
Joplin

Thomas, Jeffrey E.
Secondary Education- Vocal
Pleasant Hill

Tracy, Emily Dawn
Elementary Education
Joplin

Trenary, Stephanie J.
Elementary Education
Duenweg

Trout, Timothy Michael ‡
Elementary Education
Monett

Twenter, Dakota J.
Secondary Education- English
Lamar

Valencia, Tabatha Meritta
Secondary Education- Social Science, History
Webb City

Vandiver, Skyler G.
Secondary Education- Physical Education
Maryville

Wagner, Taylor M.
Elementary Education
Webb City

Wardlow, Whitney Nichole
Secondary Education- Art
Jasper

Webber, David J.
Secondary Education- Physical Education
Seneca

Wheeler, Audrey Jean †
Secondary Education- Art
Kansas City

Williams, Crystal Michelle
Elementary Education
Mt. Vernon

Wolven, Robin Nicole
Secondary Education- English
Seneca

Bachelor of General Studies

Adame III, Johnny Joseph
General Studies
Joplin

Albright, Ashley L. *
General Studies
Carl Junction

Aldrighetti, John Michael
General Studies
Joplin

Allen, Koren Diane
General Studies
Webb City

Altman, Lindsay Jordan
General Studies
Joplin

Andrus, Diane K.
General Studies
Joplin

Apon, Jolea C.
General Studies
Springdale, AR

Baxter, Brenda L.
General Studies
Milo

Bloomer, Anita C.
General Studies
S. Greenfield

Bloomer, Dustin Allen
General Studies
S. Greenfield

Bourne, Mary Beth
General Studies
Joplin

Boyer, Rita A.
General Studies
Carl Junction

Bridges, Forest Leon
General Studies
Carthage

Brown, Rachel Elizabeth
General Studies
Carl Junction

Burnett, Micaela *
General Studies
Carthage

Cameron, R. Diane
General Studies
Lamar

Carver, Amy Louise
General Studies
Joplin

Coffin, Jr., Russell Dale
General Studies
Alba

Cope, Stephanie Rae
General Studies
Joplin

Cowley, Savannah Sue *
General Studies
Carl Junction

Daingerfield, DeLinda Rae *

General Studies

Monett

David, Jeremiah Ray

General Studies

Galena, KS

Ellington, Abbey Lynn

General Studies

Republic

Fletcher, Joseph Michael

General Studies

Republic

Fort, Serenity Starr

General Studies

Cartersville

Gilstrap, Jr., Bennett D.

General Studies

Carl Junction

Groom, Garrett L.

General Studies

Poteau, OK

Hailey, Ashley Ann

General Studies

Joplin

Hari, Veena

General Studies

Joplin

Hori, Yurika

General Studies

Maruoka Cho, Sakai-Shi, Fukui, Japan

Jones, Auna Whitney

General Studies

Joplin

Jones, Kimberly Nicole

General Studies

St. Louis

Keck, Dianna Nicole

General Studies

Webb City

Keeling, Olivia LaRae *

General Studies

Webster Groves

Kirkpatrick, Nyssa Rena

General Studies

Joplin

Krause, Angela Dawn

General Studies

Joplin

Loum, Angie Lynn

General Studies

Joplin

Madsen, Zebulon Issac

General Studies

Goodman

Miller, Thor

General Studies

Joplin

Moore, Trisha Brianne Garrett

General Studies

Joplin

Morgan, Patricia A.

General Studies

Joplin

Nash, Jonathan David *

General Studies

Miller

Piette, LaTrisha Ann *

General Studies

Oronogo

Prough, Veronica Leigh

General Studies

Schell City

Simpson, Alyssa Gabrielle

General Studies

Joplin

Smith, Brandon *

General Studies

Webb City

Smith, Mary E.

General Studies

Duenweg

Snow, Courtney Erin

General Studies

Joplin

Stockholm, Travis James

General Studies

Springfield, SD

Stone- Feliciano, Desarie Elaine

General Studies

Webb City

Sutter, Michael J.

General Studies

Mexico

Thompson, David L.

General Studies

Joplin

Tidball, Caleb M.

General Studies

Jasper

Trower, Casey Dawn *

General Studies

Lamar

Tuttle, Patrick William

General Studies

Webb City

Weinstein, Carla Beth

General Studies

Granby

Wells, Corey D.

General Studies

Overbrook, KS

Yeakey, Michael Brock

General Studies

Oronogo

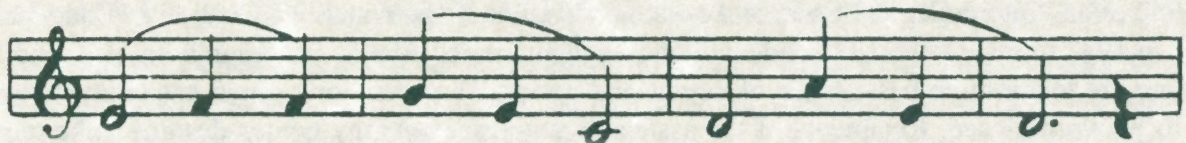
ALMA MATER

Words by Mary Laird,
Class of '39

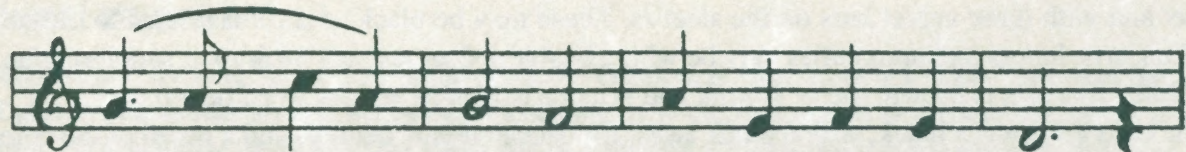
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Class of '39



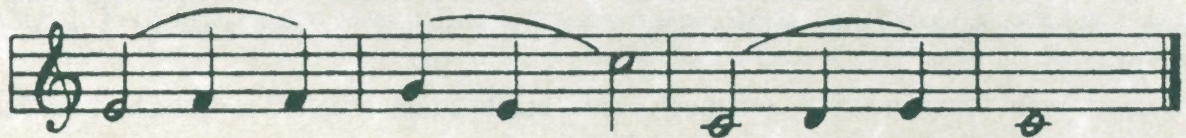
Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.

Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.

Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of churchorders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in MSSU ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

Brown:	Fine Arts
Crimson:	Journalism
Dark Blue:	Philosophy
Golden Yellow:	Science
Lemon Yellow:	Library Science
Light Blue:	Education
Pink:	Music
Purple:	Law
Sage Green:	Physical Education
Scarlet:	Theology
White:	Arts, Letters, Humanities
Yellow Brown:	Commerce, Business, Accountancy

Points of Pride

Quality faculty and academic programs ...

Five members of Missouri Southern's Student Senate won the championship trophy in a Leadership Challenge this spring at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan. The five were presented with a campus crisis scenario and were asked to respond by acting the parts of campus personnel members. Participating students included **Darrell Sour**, senior Marketing major, Joplin; **Samantha Quackenbush**, senior Psychology major, Salina, Kan.; **Johnathan Saunders**, junior Political Science major, Neosho; **Sheena Phillips**, senior Human Resource management major, Joplin; and **Kisa Clark**, senior Mass Communications major, Neosho.

Outstanding athletic programs ...

The Missouri Southern Athletics Department secured the Sonic Trophy for the second consecutive year. The Sonic Trophy Series is a cooperative effort between MSSU, Pittsburg State University (Kan.) and Sonic to honor the athletics department that performs the best throughout the year. One point is awarded in each of the 13 sports in which both departments compete.

MSSU men's basketball coach Robert Corn earned his third Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) Coach of the Year honor. He won his 350th career game in a win to end the regular season and led the Lions to their seventh 20-win season. Southern won the third most games in a regular season and advanced to the school's second NCAA postseason tournament. The Lions won the MIAA Regular Season Title and advanced to the round of 32 in the NCAA Tournament.

The Lions swept the MIAA post season awards as Skyler Bowlin, senior Secondary Education – Physical Education major from Paragould, Ark., was the unanimous MIAA Player of the Year, while also repeating as MIAA Defensive Player of the Year and Marquis Addison, freshman undeclared major from Olathe, Kan., was the league's Freshman of the Year. Bowlin was named to three-different All-American teams and was a finalist for the National Player of the Year. Bowlin later signed a contract with the BG Leitershofen/Stadtbergen Red Kangaroos, a professional basketball team in Augsburg, Germany.

Exceptional students ...

Darrell Sour, senior Marketing major from Joplin, received the annual "Outstanding Leader" Award at the 20th annual Glenn D. Dolence Leadership/Service Recognition Assembly. Sour currently serves as president of the Missouri Southern Student Senate. He is philanthropy chair of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, a values-based men's fraternity dedicated to fostering meaningful college experiences and the four pillars of fellowship, leadership, scholarship and service.

Alexandra "Alex" Reed, Neosho, has been named "Outstanding Graduate" by the Missouri Southern Alumni Association. Alex, a senior Elementary Education major, also has attained additional certification in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) - K-12. In addition to being an Honors Program student, she has been actively involved in Project S.P.E.A.K. (Speaking Proficiently Enables All Kids). She was named the Outstanding Officer of the Year for the State of Missouri by the Student-Missouri State Teacher's Association (S-MSTA).

Successful graduates ...

Betsy Banks Saul, '91, (Biology), co-founded the website petfinders.com that helps find homes for unwanted pets that end up in animal shelters or with breed rescue groups. Her efforts have been the focus of features on major news and entertainment programs, such as the *Today Show* and the *Ellen DeGeneres Show*.

Sharon Plummer, '76, (Biology), after earning her MBA from the University of Houston and retiring from an 18-year career with Exxon and Exxon Mobile, uses her artistic abilities to create mosaics, some of which were featured on an *Extreme Home Makeover* program.

Read these and other Alumni stories in *Crossroads Magazine* published by the Alumni Association. Read the latest issues online at www.mssu.edu/alumni/alumni-magazine.php.



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